



Nov. 3, 2016

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of *Ex Parte* presentations  
Docket Nos. 16-143, 05-25, 15-247, RM-10593, 02-06, 10-90, 13-184, 02-60, 13-213,  
RM-11685**

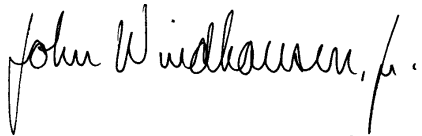
Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, November 3, 2016, Emily Olson and I on behalf of the Schools, Health & Libraries Broadband Coalition (SHLB) met with Commissioner Rosenworcel and Travis Litman to discuss the issues summarized below:

- Regarding the SHLB Coalition Action Plan, we informed them that the SHLB Coalition is exploring conducting an analysis of state broadband plans to help states understand what additional steps they could take to improve broadband for anchor institutions.
- Regarding the Business Data Services proceeding, we emphasized that the final decision should be technology-neutral and should lower prices for Ethernet services as well as TDM services in order to ensure that small and rural anchor institutions can receive lower rates for their broadband services. We demonstrated a video presentation called “NO Buffer Brains”.
- Regarding the FCC’s Rural Healthcare (RHC) Program, we noted that there is an emerging crisis because the applicants are likely to exceed the cap on funding, and existing providers that currently receive funding may lose some of that funding, resulting in some health clinics being unable to afford their broadband connections. We encouraged the Commission to allow previously-allocated but unused RHC funds to be carried forward to cover the funding shortfall as a stop-gap measure until the Commission can consider comprehensive reform of the program.

- Regarding Globalstar's application for approval to provide Terrestrial Low-Power Service (TLPS), we said that approving Globalstar's application could help to relieve WiFi congestion for schools, libraries and health providers. We expressed our view that TLPS did not appear to be cause interference to Bluetooth or other unlicensed services in our visits to the two TLPS deployments.
- Regarding the E-rate Petitions filed by the Boulder Valley School District and two Virginia schools along with Microsoft, we suggested that the E-rate program should permit but not pay for the extension of service from the schools to surrounding students at home under certain conditions. This "permit but not pay for" approach would have the benefit of allowing existing networks funded by E-rate to be shared with the surrounding community without harming the long-term viability of the E-rate program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Windhausen, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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